

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3878 - HB 3798

February 24, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) advisory council that shall be attached to the Department of Education (DOE).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – According to DOE, funding for the STEM advisory council will come from federal Race to the Top (RTTT) funding once it is received by the state. The estimated cost of the STEM advisory council is \$13,000 in FY10-11 and \$10,000 in FY11-12 and subsequent years. If Tennessee receives less than the anticipated amount from RTTT funding (approximately \$485,000,000), the STEM council's activities will be reduced in accordance with the amount of money available or resources will be reallocated to pay for the council from existing departmental funds.

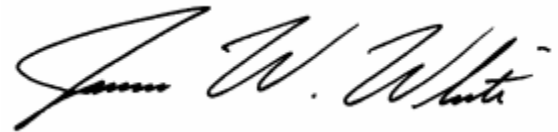
Assumptions:

- According to DOE, the council will be composed of 12 members with a three member executive committee that will meet one additional day with state staff to plan and coordinate meetings.
- The Department of Education will use approximately \$250 annually for meeting preparation expenses such as copying and other materials.
- Average per diem for STEM council members will be approximately \$250 per member. The one day executive planning session will take place annually and will cost approximately \$750 (\$250 x 3 members). The STEM council will meet four times in FY10-11 for a cost of \$12,000 (\$250 x 12 members x 4 meetings). The total increase in expenditures in FY10-11 is estimated to be \$13,000 (\$250 x 12 members x 4 meetings + \$750 executive meeting per diem +250 meeting prep).

- The STEM council will meet three times in FY11-12 and subsequent years. The total increase in expenditures in FY11-12 and thereafter is estimated to be \$10,000 (\$250 x 12 x 3 meetings + \$750 executive meeting per diem + \$250 meeting prep).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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